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PRECEDENT LONDON SOVIET NOTE (A58) (310)
MOSCOW, JAN. 7 (AP)-THE SOVIET UNION WARNED THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT TODAY IT IS TAKING A "TERRIBLE RISK" BY MAKING DUTCH TERRITORY AVAILABLE FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
A SOVIET NOTE HANDED TO DUTCH AMBASSADOR HENRY A. HELB SAID THAT IF U.S. FORCES UNLEASH A ROCKET-NUCLEAR WAR, THE NETHERLANDS WOULD BE UNABLE TO ESCAPE RETALIATORY ATOMIC BLOWS.
CONTENTS OF THE NOTE WERE RELEASED BY THE SOVIET TASS NEWS AGENCY.

THE DUTCH DEFENSE MINISTRY RECENTLY DISCLOSED THAT U.S. ATOMIC WARHEADS ARE BEING STORED IN THE NETHERLANDS.

THE DISCLOSURE CAME AFTER FIVE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY VISITED THE NETHERLANDS' VOKEL AIRBASE LAST DEC. 1 TO DISCUSS SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE WARHEADS.

THE SOVIET NOTE, DELIVERED BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ARKADY A. SOBOLEV, SAID RUSSIA IS NOT THREATENING OR INTIMIDATING THE DUTCH, BUT SIMPLY WARNING THEM AGAINST STEPS "FRAUGHT WITH GRAVE CONSEQUENCES BOTH FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE NETHERLANDS PROPER AND FOR THE SECURITY OF OTHER PEOPLES."

IT ADDED THAT BY "YIELDING TO UNITED STATES' PRESSURE, THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT WAS THE FIRST GOVERNMENT IN THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT TO AGREE TO THE ACTUAL TURNING OF ITS COUNTRY INTO AN AMERICAN NUCLEAR BASE."

THE SOVIET UNION SAID IT REJECTED THE VIEW THAT THE DEPLOYMENT OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR ARMS IN THE NETHERLANDS WILL HELP CONSOLIDATE DUTCH SECURITY.

"ON THE CONTRARY," THE NOTE SAID, "BY UNDERTAKING THIS STEP, THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT PLACES THE COUNTRY'S DESTINY IN THE HANDS OF UNITED STATES MILITARISTS, THAT IS THOSE WHO MAY RESORT TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR PURPOSES HAVING NOTHING IN COMMON WITH THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE NETHERLANDS."

THE NOTE ASSERTED THAT RUSSIA DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTACK ANYONE AND IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE THE DANGER OF WAR.

IT REMINDED THE DUTCH OF SOVIET "PROPOSALS TO ENSURE PEACE, PARTICULARLY TO SET UP ZONES FREE OF NUCLEAR AND ROCKET WEAPONS IN THE HEART OF EUROPE AND OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD, TO EFFECT GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT . . ."

THE NOTE FOLLOWED RUSSIAN AGREEMENT YESTERDAY TO SUPPLY ARMS TO INDONESIA WHICH IS INVOLVED IN A CONTROVERSY WITH THE NETHERLANDS OVER DUTCH-HELD WEST NEW GUINEA. INDONESIA CLAIMS THE TERRITORY.

SOVIET LEADERS EARLIER IN THE WEEK PLEDGED SUPPORT OF INDONESIA'S CLAIM.

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MOSCOW, JAN. 7 (AP)-A NEW SOVIET MAGAZINE TODAY JOINED PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV'S CAMPAIGN FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND SAID THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ARE HOPING MOST OF ALL FOR AN IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON AS 1961 OPENS.

BUT THE MAGAZINE "LIFE ABROAD", PUBLISHED BY THE SOVIET UNION OF JOURNALISTS, CHARGED IN THE EDITORIAL OF ITS FIRST ISSUE THAT SOME PEOPLE STILL "TREMBLE WITH FEAR" AT THE THOUGHT OF AN IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.

"CERTAIN PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE EVEN ASSUMED THE ROLE OF MENTOR TO THE FUTURE PRESIDENT AND ARE ADVISING (JOHN F.) KENNEDY NOT TO ANSWER THE PEACEFUL APPEALS OF MOSCOW," SAID THE MAGAZINE.

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VATICAN CITY, JAN. 7 (AP)-L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO, TAKING NOTE OF SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV'S OVERTURES TO PRESIDENT-ELECT KENNEDY, SAID TODAY THAT CONFLICTS IN THE WORLD SHOULD NOT ERASE HOPES OF "NEGOTIATION AND BETTER INTERNATIONAL COEXISTENCE."

IN A FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL, THE VATICAN NEWSPAPER SAID THE "CRUDE AND SEVERE" DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONGO, LAOS, CUBA AND ALGERIA SHOULD NOT MEAN GIVING UP HOPES FOR NEGOTIATIONS. IT CONTINUED:

"WHAT IS CONFIRMED IS THAT A VERY CAREFUL X-RAY EXAMINATION (MUST BE MADE) OF THE ILLS WHICH MENACE US, AND THAT THERE BE A REALISTIC DETERMINATION WHICH REQUIRES FIRST OF ALL THE VIGOROUS CARE OF DEMOCRATIC HEALTH--SPIRITUAL AND POLITICAL--IN EVERY FIELD AS ESSENTIAL TO PEACE AND LIBERTY NO MATTER WHAT IS PROMISED AGAIN BY THE MEDICINE OF RELAXED TENSIONS."

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(150) SOVIET-TRAVEL

WASHINGTON, JAN. 7 (AP)-RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS CAN VISIT NEW UNITED STATES CITIES AFTER AN APPARENT TIT-FOR-TAT REJIGGING OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

BUT SOME CITIES THEY COULD VISIT BEFORE THE CHANGE NOW ARE CLOSED TO THEM, AND ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF THE NATION STILL IS OFF-LIMITS.

AFTER ANNOUNCING THE NEW RESTRICTIONS IN A NOTE TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR MIKHAIL MENSHIKOV, THE UNITED STATES SUGGESTED BOTH NATIONS ABOLISH ALL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR DIPLOMATS.

THE MOVE WAS THE U.S. ANSWER TO A 1959 RESHUFFLE BY THE RUSSIANS. THEN, THE RUSSIANS SWITCHED THE OFF-LIMIT SIGNS ABOUT WITHOUT APPARENT LOGIC.

IN BOTH NATIONS, THE RESTRICTED AREAS MAKE UP A CRAZY QUILT PATTERN.

FOR EXAMPLE, UNDER YESTERDAY'S RULING THE RUSSIANS NOW CAN VISIT DISNEYLAND AND BROOKLYN BUT THEY NO LONGER CAN TOUR CINCINNATI AND HOUSTON.

FOLLOWING IS A STATE-BY-STATE LIST OF CHANGES UNDER THE NEW U. S. ORDER:

ALASKA--OPEN EXCEPT FOR: ALEUTIAN ISLANDS, ISLANDS IN THE BERING SEA, KODIAC ISLANDS AND A BAND 15 MILES WIDE RUNNING FROM THE NUFGAGAK PENINSULA NORTH ALONG THE BERING SEA AND EAST ALONG THE ARCTIC OCEAN TO THE CANADIAN BORDER.

ARIZONA--NEWLY CLOSED COUNTY: COCHISE.

ARKANSAS--NEWLY CLOSED COUNTIES: CLEBURNE, CONWAY, CRITTENDEN, CROSS, FAULKNER, GRANT, JEFFERSON, LEE, LONOKE, MISSISSIPPI, MONROE, PRAIRIE, PULASKI, SALINE, ST. FRANCIS, VAN BUREN, WHITE AND WOODRUFF.

CALIFORNIA--NEWLY CLOSED: BUTTE, KERN, MADERA (EXCEPT FOR YOSEMITE PARK), RIVERSIDE, STANISLAS, AND SUTTER. NEWLY OPENED ARE SAN MATEO COUNTY, YOLO COUNTY, SAN FRANCISCO AND THE MUIR WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT.

COLORADO--NEWLY CLOSED: DOUGLAS, LARIMER (EXCEPT FOR ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK), AND WELD. COUNTIES NEWLY OPENED: ARCHULETA, CHAFFEE, CONEJOS, DELTA, DENVER, GUNNISON, HINSDALE, LAKE, MESA, MINERAL, MONTEREY, OURAY, PITKIN, RIO GRANDE, AND SAGUACHE.

IDAHO--NEWLY CLOSED: ADA AND OWYHEE.

ILLINOIS--MOST OF ILLINOIS WAS CLOSED BUT IS NOW OPEN, EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING EIGHT COUNTIES: DU PAGE, EDGAR, KANE, LAKE, MASSAC, MCHENRY, PULASKI, VERMILLION.

INDIANA--NO COUNTY CHANGES.
 IOWA--COUNTY NEWLY CLOSED: HARRISON (ONLY AREA IN STATE CLOSED).
 KANSAS--NEWLY CLOSED: CLOUD, LINCOLN, OTTAWA, RENO, RICE.
 KENTUCKY--NEWLY CLOSED: ANDERSON, BOURBON, BOYLE, BRACKEN, BRECKIN-
 RIDGE, BULLITT, BUTLER, CALLOWAY, CLARK, DAVIESS (CQ), EDMONSON,
 ESTILL, FAYETTE, FRANKLIN, GARRARD, GRANT, GRAYSON, GREEN, HANCOCK,
 HARDIN, HARRISON, HART, HENRY, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JESSAMINE, LARUE,
 MADISON, MARSHALL, MEADE, MERCER, MCLEAN, NELSON, NICHOLAS, OHIO,
 OLDHAM, OWEN, PENDLETON, ROBERTSON, SCOTT, SHELBY, SPENCER, TRIMBLE,
 WASHINGTON, WOODFORD.
 MICHIGAN--NEWLY CLOSED: ALCONA, CHIPPEWA, IOSCO, LIVINGSTON, AND
 MACKINAC. NEWLY OPENED: HILLSDALE, INGHAM, JACKSON, LENAWEE AND WASH-
 TENAW.
 MINNESOTA--NEWLY CLOSED: POLK.
 MISSOURI--NEWLY CLOSED: BENTON, COOPER, JOHNSON, MORGAN, PEMISCOTT,
 PETTIS, ST. LOUIS CITY. NEWLY OPENED: BOLLINGER, CAPE GIRARDEAU,
 CLARK, JEFFERSON, LEWIS, LINCOLN, MADISON, MERION (CQ), PERRY, PIKE,
 RALLS, ST. FRANCIS AND STE. GENEVIEVE.
 MONTANA--NEWLY CLOSED: CASCADE, CHOUTEAU, DEER LODGE, FERGUS, GOLDEN
 VALLEY, JUDITH BASIN, LEWIS AND CLARK, TETON AND WHEATLAND.
 NEBRASKA--NO NEWLY CLOSED. NEWLY OPENED: LANCASTER, PAWNEE,
 RICHARDSON.
 NEVADA--NO NEWLY CLOSED.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE--NO NEWLY CLOSED. NEWLY OPENED: CHESHIRE.
 NEW JERSEY--SUSSEX COUNTY IS CLOSED. MIDDLESEX, MONMOUTH, MORRIS AND
 PASSAIC ARE CLOSED EXCEPT FOR THOSE PORTIONS WHICH LIE WITHIN 25 AIR
 MILES FROM THE CENTER OF NEW YORK CITY.
 NEW JERSEY--NEWLY OPENED: MERCER.
 NEW MEXICO--NEWLY CLOSED: CHAVES, LINCOLN, OTERO, SIERRA AND
 SOCORRO.
 NEW YORK--NEWLY CLOSED: FRANKLIN, FULTON, HAMILTON, HERKIMER, LEWIS,
 MONTGOMERY, ORANGE, SENECA, AND ST. LAWRENCE. NEWLY OPENED: BROOME,
 CHATAUGUA, GREENE AND KINGS.
 NORTH DAKOTA--NEWLY CLOSED: GRAND FORKS, WALSH. NEWLY OPENED:
 ADAMS, BILLINGS, BOTTINEAU, BOWMAN, BURKE, BULEIGH, DIVIDE, DUNN,
 EMMONS, GOLDEN VALLEY, HETTINGER, KIDDER, LOGAN, MCINTOSH, MCLEAN,
 MERCER, MORTON, OLIVER, SHERIDAN, SIOUX, SLOPE, STARK.
 OHIO--NO COUNTY CHANGES.
 OKLAHOMA--NEWLY CLOSED: BECKHAM, CADDO, CANADIAN, CLEVELAND, COMANCHE,
 COTTON, GARVIN, GRADY, GREER, HARMON. NEWLY OPENED: KAY, LINCOLN,
 PAYNE.
 OREGON--NEWLY CLOSED: CLATSOP, COLUMBIA, COOS, HOOD RIVER,
 MULTNOMAH.
 PENNSYLVANIA--NEWLY CLOSED: BLAIR, CAMBRIA, INDIANA, LACKAWANNA,
 MERCER, MONROE, PIKE. NEWLY OPENED: BUCKS.
 RHODE ISLAND--NO COUNTY CHANGES.
 SOUTH DAKOTA--ALL OF SOUTH DAKOTA IS NEWLY OPENED EXCEPT FOR THE
 FOLLOWING COUNTIES: BUTTE, CUSTER, HARDING, LAWRENCE, MEADE, PENNINGTON
 AND PERKINS.
 TEXAS--NEWLY CLOSED: CALLAHAN, DENTON, JONES, NOLAN, RUNNELS,
 SHACKELFORD, TAYLOR.
 UTAH--NEWLY CLOSED: SALT LAKE, TOOELE, UTAH.
 VERMONT--NEWLY CLOSED: CHITTENDEN, GRAND ISLE AND LAMOILLE.
 WASHINGTON--CLOSED EXCEPT FOR THOSE PORTIONS OF KING COUNTY WHICH
 LIE LESS THAN 25 AIR MILES FROM THE CENTER OF SEATTLE AND INCLUDING
 CITY OF SEATTLE BUT EXCLUDING RENTON.
 WISCONSIN--NEWLY OPENED: WALWORTH, WASHINGTON, WAUKEASHA.
 WYOMING--NEWLY CLOSED: GOSHEN, LARAMIE, PLATTE.
 FOLLOWING CITIES IN OTHERWISE OPEN AREAS ARE NOW DESIGNATED AS
 CLOSED: HAINES, ALASKA; RAVENNA, OHIO; RENTON, WASH.; SEWARD, ALASKA,
 AND SKAGWAY, ALASKA.

FOLLOWING CITIES IN OTHERWISE CLOSED AREAS ARE NOW DESIGNATED AS
 OPEN: ANAHEIM, CALIF.; BOISE, IDAHO; BOULDER AND COLORADO SPRINGS,
 COLO.; COLUMBUS, OHIO; LAWRENCE, KAN.; NEWARK, N.J.; PORTLAND, ORE.;
 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH; TOPEKA, KAN.

SPECIFIED ROUTES OF AUTOMOTIVE TRAVEL THROUGH CLOSED AREAS NOW
 INCLUDE:

CHICAGO TO WESTERN ILLINOIS--CONGRESS STREET EXPRESSWAY, EAST-WEST
 TOLLWAY, ROUTE 30 ACROSS DU PAGE COUNTY.
 ACROSS NORTHERN OHIO--OHIO TURNPIKE.
 ACROSS NORTHERN INDIANA--INDIANA TOLL ROAD.
 KNOXVILLE TO GATLINBURG, TENN.--U. S. 441.
 KANSAS CITY, KAN., TO LAWRENCE, KAN.--KANSAS TURNPIKE.
 DENVER TO BOULDER, COLO.--THE TOLL ROAD.
 SAN FRANCISCO TO BERKELEY--THE BAY BRIDGE.
 LOS ANGELES TO ANAHEIM--U.S. HIGHWAY 101.
 MUIR WOODS FROM SAN FRANCISCO--U.S. 101, CALIFORNIA NO. 1, PANORAMIC
 HIGHWAY AND MUIR WOODS ROAD.

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ELMIRA, N. Y., JAN. 7 (AP)--TWO AMERICAN AIRMEN HELD PRISONER BY
 THE RUSSIANS SINCE JULY 1 WERE ALLOWED TO VISIT EACH OTHER FOR THE
 FIRST TIME ON CHRISTMAS DAY, THE FATHER OF ONE OF THE MEN REVEALED
 TODAY.

THE MEETING IN MOSCOW'S LUBYANKA PRISON WAS DESCRIBED BY CAPT.
 FREEMAN B. OLMSTEAD IN A LETTER TO HIS PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. J. BLAINE
 OLMSTEAD. OLMSTEAD AND CAPT. JOHN R. MC KONE OF TONGANOXIE, KAN.,
 HAVE BEEN AWAITING TRIAL ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES SINCE THE RUSSIANS SHOT
 DOWN THEIR UNARMED RB47 WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE PLANE OVER THE BERENTS
 SEA.

OLMSTEAD SAID HE WORE A GREY SWEATER SENT TO HIM BY HIS WIFE,
 GAIL, OF PLAINFIELD, N. J., FOR A "BIG EVENT."

"JOHN AND I WERE ALLOWED TO VISIT FOR ABOUT AN HOUR OR SO," HE
 WROTE. "THAT SURE HELPED BOTH OF US OUT IN THE 'HOLIDAY SPIRIT'
 DEPARTMENT." OLMSTEAD ADDED:

"I MADE HIM A DECK OF CARDS OUT OF CIGARETTE WRAPPINGS, THEN GAVE
 HIM A PAIR OF MY SOCKS, WHICH HE REALLY APPRECIATED. HE ASKED ME TO
 THANK YOU FOR HIM. SO, IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING, WE HAD OUR
 CHRISTMAS."

OLMSTEAD SAID THAT HE WAS WELL AND COMFORTABLE BUT THAT "THE BEST
 THING WOULD BE JUST TO TRY TO FORGET ABOUT 1960 AND HOPE THAT 1961 WILL
 BE A HAPPY NEW YEAR IN EVERY POSSIBLE RESPECT."

"THERE'S NOT A THING WRONG WITH ME THAT A TRIP HALFWAY AROUND
 THE WORLD IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION WOULDN'T CURE," HE TOLD HIS PARENTS.
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WITH ELMIRA

LONDON, SUNDAY, JAN. 8 (AP)--A LONDON NEWSPAPER SAID TODAY U.S. AND
 BRITISH DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW HAVE INFORMED THEIR GOVERNMENTS THERE IS
 "EVERY CHANCE" RUSSIA SOON WILL RELEASE TWO AMERICAN AIRMEN CAPTURED
 WHEN THEIR RB-47 PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN LAST JULY.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD GAVE NO SOURCE FOR ITS STORY, BUT SAID:
 "MR. (SOVIET PREMIER) KHRUSHCHEV IS RESERVING HIS DECISION ON
 THEIR FATE UNTIL AFTER JOHN KENNEDY ASSUMES OFFICE AS UNITED STATES
 PRESIDENT ON JAN. 20."

THE TWO FLIERS ARE CAPT. JOHN R. MC KONE OF TOPEKA, KAN., AND CAPT.
 FREEMAN B. OLMSTEAD OF ELMIRA, N.Y. THEIR WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE
 PLANE WAS SHOT DOWN OVER THE BARENTS SEA NORTH OF SOVIET TERRITORY.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE SAID THEY WILL BE TRIED ON SPY CHARGES.
 THE NEWSPAPER SAID THE RUSSIANS REALIZE THE AIRMEN ARE "POLITICAL
 HOT POTATOES" AND ADDED:

"WITH MR. KHRUSHCHEV'S VICTORY OVER THE (RED) CHINESE FOR HIS SOFTER LINE WITH AMERICA AND BRITAIN HE WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A GESTURE TO MR. KENNEDY.

"UNLESS THERE IS A WORSENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, THE AMERICAN FLIERS WILL BE RELEASED IN A BLAZE OF 'THEY ARE GUILTY BUT LET BYGONES BE BYGONES' PROPAGANDA," THE PAPER SAID.

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PRAGUE, JAN. 7 (AP)-THE CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS SAID TODAY AMERICAN MILITARY ATTACHES IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ARE CHIEFLY ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE AND SUPPORT OF DEFECTION TO THE WEST.

CTK, THE OFFICIAL CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY, PUBLISHED WHAT IT DESCRIBED AS TEXTS OF SECRET DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SERVICES TO ARMY ATTACHES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND SAID:

"THEY PROVE THAT THE BASIS OF THE ACTIVITY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ATTACHES IS ESPIONAGE AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST (COMMUNIST) COUNTRIES AND THE ORGANIZATION OF SO-CALLED DEFECTION TO THE WEST." ONE PRINTED DIRECTIVE BORE THE SIGNATURE OF A BRIG. GEN. JOHN J. DAVIS, DESCRIBED BY CTK AS DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE, AND QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THAT ARMY ATTACHES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ENCOURAGED "TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH SOVIET ORBIT OFFICIALS BOTH FOR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION PURPOSES AND IN SUPPORT OF THE DEFECTOR PROGRAM."

ANOTHER ALLEGED DIRECTIVE, DATED NOV. 18, 1957, CARRIED THE SIGNATURE OF A COL.G.S.U.P. WILLIAMS.

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BY SPENCER MOOSA

TAIPEI, FORMOSA, JAN. 7 (AP)-THE CHINESE NATIONALIST DEFENDERS OF QUEMOY ARE ENJOYING A RECORD BREAKING RESPITE FROM COMMUNIST CHINESE GUNFIRE. MOST SOURCES HERE ATTRIBUTE IT TO A POLICY OF WATCHFUL WAITING BY PEIPING TOWARD THE INCOMING KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION.

TODAY WAS THE 23RD CONSECUTIVE DAY THE COMMUNISTS HAVE WITHHELD ACTION AGAINST THE OFFSHORE ISLAND COMPLEX THEY TRIED TO FORCE INTO SUBMISSION BY MASSIVE ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT IN THE SUMMER OF 1958.

THIS IS THE LONGEST LULL SINCE THE COMMUNISTS TOOK UP POSITIONS ALONG THE COAST IN 1949. SINCE NOVEMBER 1959 THEY FOLLOWED A PATTERN OF SHELLING THE ISLANDS EVERY OTHER DAY UNTIL THE PRESENT LULL.

MOST QUARTERS IN TAIPEI, FOREIGN AND CHINESE, ARE CONVINCED THE COMMUNISTS ARE WAITING UNTIL PRESIDENT-ELECT JOHN F. KENNEDY IS PROPERLY SETTLED IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE ISLANDS, LYING ONLY A FEW MILES OFF THE CHINESE MAINLAND, BECAME AN ISSUE IN THE 1960 ELECTION CAMPAIGN. KENNEDY SAID THEY ARE INDEFENSIBLE. HIS REPUBLICAN OPPONENT, VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON, SAID THEY SHOULD BE DEFENDED AS "OUTPOSTS OF THE FREE WORLD."

MOST QUARTERS IN TAIPEI BELIEVE THAT IN THE EVENT OF BIG COMMUNIST ACTION AFTER KENNEDY TAKES OFFICE, THE U.S. REACTION WILL BE MUCH THE SAME AS IN 1958--A SHOW OF U.S. MILITARY STRENGTH TO PROTECT QUEMOY AND DEMONSTRATE U.S. WILLINGNESS TO DEFEND THE NATIONALIST CHINESE ISLAND BASTION OF FORMOSA, 100 MILES OFF THE COAST.

IT IS ALSO BELIEVED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD AGAIN PROVIDE NAVAL COVER FOR NATIONALIST VESSELS SUPPLYING QUEMOY, BUT PERHAPS LEAVE AS MUCH OF THIS JOB AS POSSIBLE TO THE NATIONALISTS.

MINORITY VIEW IS THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS MAY NOT ENGAGE IN MAJOR ACTION AGAINST QUEMOY FOR SOME TIME TO COME IN ORDER TO SEE HOW FAR THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION IS PREPARED TO GO IN ITS REPORTED DESIRE TO TRY FRESH APPROACHES TOWARD THE CHINA PROBLEM.

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